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WEDNESDAY
JULY 7, 1954

Eva and Bert Jolis [redacted] arrived at midnight by car from Paris. They have two boys at the camp -- in fact, it was they who, with their characteristic thoughtfulness, had proposed it to our attention and made arrangements of various sorts for us.

We all went down to visit our progeny and found them in good heart. David only had his appendix out ten days ago, but he appears vigorous though pale. Everything is [redacted] simple, almost spartan. The charge, all inclusive, for each of them is $350 for the two-month period. French is the official language, and there are 20 counsellors of various nationalities. The majority of the children are American.

Bert drove us to lunch at Isa Sidney's chateau in the village of La Roche-sur-Foron. It is an old keep, modified by her late husband, occupying a mount, commanding a wonderful view. Her mother and she spend about two months a year there.

We had a good lunch and walked about the grounds in the rain, which alternated with spells of sunshine.

Tonight the Jolises and ourselves stuffed chez Père Bise, the only significant change since last night being the substitution of lobster, bathed in a rose sauce, for crayfish.

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